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Plainview man sentenced to 121 months for receiving child pornography

A 69-year-old Plainview man was sentenced yesterday in federal court to 121 months in prison for receiving child pornography.

On May 12 in Minneapolis, United States District Court Judge Patrick Schiltz also sentenced Jon Wendell Green to supervised release for life. Green was charged with one count of a receiving child pornography on Dec. 6, 2007, and pleaded guilty on Jan. 8, 2008.

According to his plea agreement, on Aug. 3, 2007, Green did knowingly receive, in electronic format, one or more digital video files of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. These images included at least 271 video clips and 7,461 images, which were stored on both Green's computer hard drive and on compact discs.

Green also admitted that the material had been transported over the Internet.

This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Wabasha County Sheriff's Office and the Plainview Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ann M. Anaya.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a national initiative that encourages the use of multi-jurisdictional task forces to investigate and prosecute cases that involve the sexual exploitation of children over the Internet. PSC urges that law enforcement efforts be complemented by community-wide campaigns to assist victims of exploitation and to educate parents, other adults, and children about Internet safety.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in 33 children receives an unwanted sexual solicitation online each year. One in four children experiences unwanted exposure to sexually explicit material on the Internet each year. And, more than 20,000 images of child pornography are posted on the Internet every week. Moreover, recent research conducted by the Federal Bureau of Prisons indicates a strong correlation between possessing or distributing child

pornography and committing sexual-contact crimes against children.